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AVAILABILITY OF AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIVES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised the State Governments to enhance the strength of Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) in their states;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes,sir.Under National Rural Health Mission, there is a provision to position two Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wife (ANM) at each Sub Centre (SC).This initiative is fully funded under NRHM by the Government of India .The associated interventions like upgradation of ANM Training Centers and opending of new training enters is also supported under NRHM.

The states have responded very positively to the strategy of positioning the second ANM at SCs. The intervention is operationalised on basis of the State Programme Implementation Plan of respective state.As per information received from states, more than 1.3 lakh SC has already been made functional with at least one ANM and 32,321 ANMs has been recruited on contract to support the basic health institutions for providing primary health care services.